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Hendry County COVID-19 - 6pm Update 4.23.2020

(April 23, 2020) – LaBelle, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health has notified Hendry County officials of the second death associated with COVID-19 in Hendry County.

The individual was a 96 year old male resident of LaBelle.

Five additional cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Hendry County, bringing the total number of confirmed cases in Hendry County to 59.

The latest confirmed cases are as follows:

- 54 year old male resident of Clewiston
- 31 year old female resident of Clewiston
- 53 year old female resident of Clewiston
- 42 year old female resident of Clewiston
- 63 year old male resident of Clewiston

47 of the individuals who have tested positive in Hendry County are currently under isolation. 10 individuals have recovered and been cleared by the Florida Department of Health and are no longer required to be under isolation. 2 individuals have died.

Hendry County officials strongly urge residents to continue following the guidance provided by the CDC and the Florida Department of Health (DOH) along with the Governor's Safer-At-Home order to slow the spread of COVID-19:

- Remember you are safer at home
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect frequently used surfaces
- If you are sick or think you may have been exposed to COVID-19, call your medical provider, a local provider or local health department
- If you need to leave your home for essential activities, please cover your mouth and nose with a bandana, scarf, or other cloth covering

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CDC guidance on how to make a cloth face covering can be found at the following link - https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html

DOH has launched a survey to help inform and improve the state's response to COVID-19. Residents are asked to take two minutes to answer the community action survey questions at www.strongerthanc19.com

*Hendry County will send out daily updates at approximately 6pm <u>only</u> if there are new cases in Hendry County.

More information about COVID-19 cases in Florida can be found on the DOH website - https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/ and on the DOH dashboard which is updated twice a day at approximately 11:30am and 6:30pm - https://arcq.is/0Hfi5O.

For local information regarding COVID-19, please visit Hendry County's new dedicated webpage for COVID-19 https://covid-19.hendryfla.net/ and follow Hendry County Emergency Management on Facebook www.facebook.com/hendrycountyemergencymanagement/.

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